

Claim 1

1. An acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesive tape comprising:

(a) a layer of an acrylic backing comprising

(i) from about 88% to about 92% of an acrylic polymer comprising:  
from about 35% to about 45% of a first alkyl acrylate monomer  
having alkyl groups which contain from 4 to 12 carbon atoms,  
from about 30% to about 40% of a second alkyl acrylate monomer  
having alkyl groups which contain from 4 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein said second  
alkyl acrylate monomer is independent from said first alkyl acrylate monomer,  
from about 6% to about 10% of a first monoethylenically  
unsaturated polar copolymerizable monomer, and  
from about 1% to about 2% of a second monoethylenically  
unsaturated polar copolymerizable monomer, wherein said second monoethylenically  
unsaturated polar copolymerizable monomer is independent from said first  
monoethylenically unsaturated polar copolymerizable monomer; and

(ii) from about 8% to about 12% of hollow glass microspheres  
dispersed evenly in said polymer; and

(b) at least one layer of a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

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Claim 7

7. The acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesive tape according to claim 4, wherein:  
the crosslinker/chain extender is taken from the group consisting of ethylene  
glycol diacrylate, triethylene glycol diacrylate, 1,4-butanediol diacrylate, 1,6-hexanediol  
diacrylate, trimethylolpropane triacrylate, pentaerythritol triacrylate, tetraethylene  
glycol diacrylate, methacrylates, and combinations thereof.

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Please add new claims 41 and 42 as follows:

Claim 41 (New)

41. A foam-like backing for acrylic pressure sensitive adhesive tapes comprising:

(a) from about 88% to about 92% of an acrylic polymer comprising: from about 35% to about 45% of a first alkyl acrylate monomer having alkyl groups which contain from 4 to 12 carbon atoms, from about 30% to about 40% of a second alkyl acrylate monomer having alkyl groups which contain from 4 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein said second alkyl acrylate monomer is independent from said first alkyl acrylate monomer, from about 6% to about 10% of a first monoethylenically unsaturated polar copolymerizable monomer, and from about 1% to about 2% of a second monoethylenically unsaturated polar copolymerizable monomer, wherein said second monoethylenically unsaturated polar copolymerizable monomer is independent from said first monoethylenically unsaturated polar copolymerizable monomer; and

(b) from about 8% to about 12% of hollow glass microspheres dispersed evenly in said polymer, wherein said foam-like backing has greater than about 98% recovery after about 10% compression.

Claim 42 (New)

42. A foam-like backing for acrylic pressure sensitive adhesive tapes comprising:

(a) from about 88% to about 92% of an acrylic polymer comprising: from about 35% to about 45% of a first alkyl acrylate monomer having alkyl groups which contain from 4 to 12 carbon atoms, from about 30% to about 40% of a second alkyl acrylate monomer having alkyl groups which contain from 4 to 12 carbon atoms, wherein said second alkyl acrylate monomer is independent from said first alkyl acrylate monomer, from about 6% to about 10% of a first monoethylenically unsaturated polar copolymerizable monomer, and from about 1% to about 2% of a second monoethylenically unsaturated polar copolymerizable monomer, wherein said second monoethylenically unsaturated polar copolymerizable monomer is independent from said first monoethylenically unsaturated polar copolymerizable monomer; and

(b) from about 8% to about 12% of hollow glass microspheres dispersed evenly in said polymer, wherein said foam-like backing has greater than about 96.5% recovery after about 15% compression.